

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-284-C - ORDER NO. 2001-615

JUNE 27, 2001

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s SS7 Tariff))))	ORDER ESTABLISHING INVESTIGATION AND GRANTING INTERVENTION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition to Intervene and Objection to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s (BellSouth's) SS7 tariff filed by the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC). BellSouth had filed for approval of a proposed tariff relating to SS7 services requested to become effective June 15, 2001.

SCTC takes the position that the tariff filing is not appropriate and is not in the public interest and therefore should not be allowed to go into effect by this Commission. SCTC alleges that the tariff, as currently drafted, would potentially impact each of the SCTC member companies. SCTC cites seven specific objections to the tariff, and requests that the matter be assigned a docket number and set for hearing, that SCTC be granted leave to intervene in the proposed June 15, 2001 BellSouth SS7 Tariff as its interest might appear, that the BellSouth SS7 Tariff be suspended pending the hearing, and that SCTC be allowed to investigate with the Commission and Staff the ramifications of the tariff, and that the tariff ultimately be denied or modified to take into account any alleged improper aspects.

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We have considered this matter and agree that the tariff in question should be assigned a docket number for the purpose of investigation. Further, we agree that SCTC should be allowed to intervene in this docket. Accordingly, a Docket Number shall be assigned, and an investigation into the tariff is hereby established. Also, SCTC is hereby declared to be an intervenor in the investigation procedure.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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